CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-22. (Canceled)

23. (New) A candle forming device, comprising:

an outer kiln that defines a chamber;

an inner mold having a closed bottom and an open top, wherein the inner mold is sized for selective placement into and out of the chamber of the outer kiln;

a heating assembly having a flat heating surface positioned to support the inner mold and heat the inner mold via thermal transfer from the flat heating surface; and

a wick placement assembly configured to hold a wick in place between the open top and the bottom of the inner mold.

24. (New) The candle forming device of claim 23, further comprising a heat sink attached to the inner mold, wherein the heat sink is positioned to be in thermally conductive contact with the inner mold and for selective placement into thermally conductive contact with the flat heating surface.

25. (New) The candle forming device of claim 23, wherein the bottom of the inner mold is formed with a channel for receiving the wick and the wick placement assembly comprises a means for preventing molten wax from flowing from the inner mold.

26. (New) The candle forming device of claim 25, further comprising a heat sink attached to the inner mold, wherein the heat

sink is positioned to be in thermally conductive contact with the inner mold and for selective placement into thermally conductive contact with the flat heating surface, and wherein the heat sink is formed with a hole for allowing the wick to at least partially pass through the heat sink.

27. (New) The candle forming device of claim 23, wherein the inner mold comprises handles positioned near a top portion of the inner mold and the handles are configured to facilitate placing the inner mold into and out of the chamber of the outer kiln.

28. (New) The candle forming device of claim 23, wherein the heating assembly includes an electrical resistance heating element.

29. (New) The candle forming device of claim 23, further comprising a thermostat for controlling the temperature of the chamber by regulating the thermal output of the heating assembly.

30. (New) The candle forming device of claim 23, further comprising a control assembly for controlling operation of the heating assembly and wherein the control assembly comprises a primary operating control for selectively activating and deactivating the heating assembly.

31. (New) The candle forming device of claim 30, wherein the heating assembly further comprises a thermostat for controlling the temperature of the chamber by regulating the thermal output of the

heating assembly and the control assembly further comprises means for selectively controlling the operation of the thermostat.

32. (New) A candle forming device, comprising:

an outer kiln having a top and a bottom, the outer kiln including a base at the bottom and at least one sidewall extending upward from the base to an opening at the top of the kiln, the opening being substantially perpendicular to the sidewall, whereby the base and sidewall define a chamber;

an inner mold having a closed bottom and an open top, the inner mold being sized for selective placement into and out of the chamber via the opening at the top of the kiln;

a heating assembly within the chamber for heating the inner mold; and

a wick placement assembly configured to hold a wick in place between the open top and the bottom of the inner mold.

33. (New) The candle forming device of claim 32, further comprising a heat sink attached to the inner mold near the bottom of the inner mold, wherein the heat sink is positioned to be in thermally conductive contact with the inner mold.

34. (New) The candle forming device of claim 32, wherein the bottom of the inner mold is formed with a channel for receiving the wick and the wick placement assembly comprises a means for preventing molten wax from flowing from the channel.

35. (New) The candle forming device of claim 34, further comprising a heat sink attached to the inner mold near the bottom of the inner mold, wherein the heat sink is positioned to be in thermally conductive contact with the inner mold, and wherein the heat sink is formed with a hole for allowing the wick to at least partially pass through the heat.

36. (New) The candle forming device of claim 32, wherein the heating assembly has a flat heating surface positioned to support the inner mold and heat the inner mold via thermal transfer from the flat heating surface.

37. (New) The candle forming device of claim 32, wherein the heating assembly comprises a shaped heating element within the chamber extending upwards from the base along the sidewall positioned to heat the inner mold via thermal transfer from the shaped heating element.

38. (New) The candle forming device of claim 32, wherein the inner mold comprises handles positioned near a top portion of the inner mold, wherein the handles are configured to facilitate placing the inner mold into and out of the chamber of the outer kiln.

39. (New) The candle forming device of claim 32, further comprising a removable lid for selectively closing the opening of the outer kiln, thereby substantially sealing the chamber.

40. (New) The candle forming device of claim 32, wherein the heating assembly includes an electrical resistance heating element.

41. (New) The candle forming device of claim 32, further comprising a thermostat for controlling the temperature of the chamber by regulating the thermal output of the heating assembly.

42. (New) The candle forming device of claim 32, further comprising a control assembly for controlling operation of the heating assembly and wherein the control assembly further comprises a primary operating control for selectively activating and deactivating the heating assembly.

43. (New) The candle forming device of claim 42, wherein the heating assembly further comprises a thermostat for controlling the temperature of the chamber by regulating the thermal output of the heating assembly and the control assembly further comprises means for selectively controlling the operation of the thermostat.